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Salem, N. C., Jan. 30, 1883.

—Captain Frank Flournoy, who for some years was a conductor on the Salem road, is dead.

—The Presidential party in Florida, have had a good time; the President caught five ten-pound trout and his private secretary shot an alligator.

—The storm here Monday night was severe, but much more so at other points. In Petersburg, Va., such a storm has not been witnessed for years.

—The seven American citizens who were arrested and thrown into a dungeon of the fortress at Aspinwall charged with robbing the Panama Railroad have been released.

THE ILLUSTRATED WORLD.—This beautiful new weekly is on our table. The illustrations are well executed, especially the large double page pasture scene, which is full of spirit and true to nature. It is published by James Elverson, Philadelphia, at \$3 a year. Specimens can be seen at the Bookstore.

The American Farmer  
for April 1st teems with suggestions for Spring work and valuable information on all topics—reports from experienced agricultural clubs, and contributions from practical men, making up a seasonable bill of fare, which will be relished by every intelligent farmer who wants to keep up with the best methods in their business. The live-stock, dairy, poultry and garden departments are interesting and full of matter. No farmer but will find it to his advantage to read regularly this old-established farm journal, which is published on the 1st and 15th of every month by SAM'L SANDS & SONS, Baltimore, at \$1.50 a year, or \$1 to clubs of five or over.

STATE NEWS  
—Captain Lorenzo R. Bailey has been appointed chief deputy of Col. Thomas B. Keogh, U. S. Marshal for the western district of North Carolina.

—James Parks died on Friday at his home in Ellettsville, Ind., in the one hundred and second year of his age. He was born in Wilkes county, N. C., September, 26th 1781.

—At his home on the outskirts of Charlotte, Thursday night of last week, Mr. Frederick Severs, who had been sick, the *Journal-Observer* says, in mind and body, for several weeks, committed suicide by cutting his throat from ear to ear.

—The first installment of patients for the Western Asylum was brought up on a special train and reached Morganton last Thursday morning. There are now 32 patients in the Asylum, and as soon as these are well stowed away, others will be brought from Raleigh until 100, the number required by law, shall have been taken from that institution, after which the Superintendent will be ready to receive patients from the counties of the western district.

FOX'S ILLUSTRATED WEEK'S DOINGS is the newest novelty in metropolitan journalism. It is the only Illustrated Sunday Paper in the country and as far as we know the first. If it is, there never was a more creditable pioneer in journalism published. The illustrations are graphic in character, appropriate in selection and superb in execution, and the literary contents of a high order of merit. The Referee discusses on sporting matters with authority. The dramatic world is reviewed with snap and vigor by an "insider," who evidently has a right to the name. And the Provoker recites the current sensations and scandals like a true man about town. THE ILLUSTRATED WEEK'S DOINGS has a career before it if Mr. Fox's efficient management does not relax.

—Ice breaking on Black River, near Watertown, N. Y., has caused a considerable flood, breaking dams and washing away bridges. Ice a foot thick floated in the river on the 14th. The Connecticut river was rising on the 14th at Springfield, Mass.

At Bismark, D. T., 200 feet of the railroad track has been washed away and lowlands are all under water. A heavy snow raged at Deadwood, Dakota, Black Hills Railroad blocked, and all stage lines stopped, and telegraph poles down.

—Walter S. Nelson, Esq., Monroe, N. C., says: "In one week Brown's Iron Bitters cured me of indigestion and sick stomach."

—Dr. Deems does not believe in indiscriminate almsgiving to street beggars, who are often frauds and stool-pigeons.

GENERAL NEWS.

—A triple source of happiness—a good business, a contented mind and a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

—A fire at Westminster, Md., originating in a lively stable, destroyed sixteen buildings, including a church; two stables and thirty horses were burned to death.

—Mrs. Margaret M. Pope, Rich Square, says: "Brown's Iron Bitters cured me of dyspepsia, nervousness and loss of appetite."

—The jury in the case of ex-Mayor DeBevoise, of Long Island City, N. Y., tried for the wrongful conversion of city bonds, found a verdict against the defendant for \$100,000. Defendant's motion for a new trial was denied, as was also a motion for a stay of proceedings.

—In 1826 the winter was projected far into the summer months, causing disastrous crop failures. Breadstuffs, for the first time in our history, were imported from Europe. The financial panic of 1837 followed the general paralysis. No such calamity is anticipated this season.

—The evidence on the trial of the enormous expansion of the country since 1837.

COLUMBIA, GA., April 12.—The steamer *Wylie* left here yesterday morning on the steamer *Everingham's* schedule, owing to high water in the river. While attempting to go under a bridge she struck a pillar. All her passengers were saved except one woman, woman and child, names unknown. Of the crew, purser H. L. Palmer and clerk W. J. Rivers, (white), and 8 colored men were drowned.

LINCOLN, NEB., April 10.—A destructive prairie fire is devastating the country a few miles north of this city. Mrs. Dalton, a farmer's wife, was suffocated while fighting the fire, and many other accidents are reported. Barns, houses, granaries and stacks were licked up by the flames. It is estimated that fifty square miles of territory have been burned over, and the last accounts state that the fire is still raging.

—John H. Parnell, a brother of the famous Irish leader of that name, owns one of the largest peach farms in the world. It is situated about six miles below West Point, Ga. There are 125,000 peach trees in it, besides a large number of other kinds of fruit trees. They cover over 700 acres. Mr. Parnell has planted 500 acres of young trees this year and reports his business a pay-off. This year's crop will be tolerably good, notwithstanding the freezes.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., April 14.—News reached this city yesterday of the capture of Andy Taylor, one of the notorious Yankees who captured a train on the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railroad last fall, murdered the sheriff and his deputy and liberated his brother. One of the three brothers was killed several months ago. There is an \$8,000 reward for the other two. He was captured near Emporia, Kansas. Also, Hite, one of the James gang, was captured to-day at Jonesboro by a Chicago detective.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., April 13.—The case against Jas. F. Markey, James D. Rankin and J. B. Donay, charged with violating their duties as election officers, was called yesterday in the U. S. Circuit Court. The accused are charged with having added to the poll lists the names of sixty-two persons who did not vote, including the names of persons deceased prior to the election. The jury to-day returned a verdict of not guilty.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., April 13.—The trial of Scheller, a bar-keeper of the Newhall House, on the charge of incendiarism, has been in progress 4 days. A sensation was caused this morning by the testimony of Lindehan, chief engineer of the Newhall House at the time of the fire, who said that he was recently approached by J. C. McKenly, attorney for Scheller, and a saloon keeper named Adam Rath, and asked to swear that the fire was caused by a jet in the bottom of the elevator shaft, as that testimony would clear the accused.

LYNCHBURG, VA., April 12.—This morning early about 100 disguised persons attacked the jail at Wytheville, forced the sheriff to surrender the keys, and took Wm. M. Crockett from his cell and hung him from the beam of a mill on the outskirts of the town. Crockett was awaiting trial for the murder of Jas. F. Hart, in Wythe county, some time ago. The murder was a cold-blooded affair and Crockett would have been lynched at the time had he not been captured. He was captured about two months ago and brought back to Wytheville for trial. After hanging him the mob robbed his body with bullets to ensure death. None of the lynchers were recognized. In some excitement prevails at Wytheville.

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, April 14.—Shortly before 1 o'clock this morning a tornado struck White Oak station, on the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railroad, ten miles west of Little Rock. The sides of the Mountains, which previous to the storm were covered with trees, are now bare, or nearly so, being snapped in twain. The storm was followed by a half storm, lasting until the ground was covered with ice, many of the stones being as large as hen's eggs. The Postmaster lost his store and dwelling, including the mail, \$300 in money, and the loss of the mail, and only \$80 was found. Other stores and dwellings were leveled to the ground. No less than ten plantations had their buildings torn down, and other damage and loss of life comes from other quarters. At Conway, Ark., a school, the Catholic and Baptist Churches were destroyed. Total loss not less than \$500,000.

—W. A. Robbins & Co., Rockingham, N. C., say: "Brown's Iron Bitters is highly appreciated here. It gives entire satisfaction."

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—Alfred G. Packer charged with the murder of his five companions in Colorado in 1872, an convicted, which we published some weeks since, has been tried and acquitted. The evidence on the trial shows that a party of six organized in Utah in 1872 to prospect in Southern Colorado. While in the vicinity of the present site of Lake City, a blinding storm coming on, they lost their way and food and were forced to kill and eat each other.

THE MEN became desperate and some were crazed. While his companions were in this condition Packer deliberately butchered the whole party, and for several weeks lived from flesh cut from their bodies. Yesterday, in the course of the trial, Packer made a statement, calmly, and for two hours related the experience of the party from their setting out, closing with the most sickening details of the murders and subsequent feasting on human flesh, claiming that the killing was done in self-defense. The evidence shows that each member of the party except Packer possessed a large amount of money, upon which the ghouls have since been living. After nine years of wandering he was captured a few weeks ago near Fort Fetterman, Wyoming.

FOR THE PRESS.  
WAGYON, April 9, 1883.  
Many of the readers of the Press will remember the battle of Drury's Bluff, fought on the 16th day of May, 1863, and their minds will be called back to the day that the sons of men.  
On the day before the battle (Sunday) we were all lying in a patch of woods, where we were often visited by a stray ball from the enemy's troops. Our thoughts were in demand, and one man who had been in service since the start, was growing very heavily that he never could get a scratch, or a wound, or be sick enough to get a furlough, as he had been in almost every battle, skirmish, and foot race since the war began. While thus complaining, he was standing under a tree, with his knees drawn up, when one of those little Yankee missiles struck his knee. He slapped his hands and exclaimed: "There, by dam! I'll get to go home now. I believe that a merciful providence sent that ball to me. Boys, I wouldn't take fifty dollars for it. I am sure I won't get a scratch, or a wound, or be sick enough to get a furlough, as he had been in almost every battle, skirmish, and foot race since the war began. 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LOCAL ITEMS.

HARPER'S.—Subscriptions for all of Harper's periodicals received at this office, in clubs with the Press.

New Advertisements. Petition to sell lands for assets, I. S. Call, Clerk of Wilkes Superior Court. Noll's Improved Evaporator.

It was Wm. A. Lawrence and not Willis Lawrence, who died in Old Town township.

There will be a partial eclipse of the moon, on next Sunday, 22nd inst. It will be invisible here.

Our young friend, Frank Matthews assists in doing the honors at Rytberg Brothers store, in Winston.

The time for making the little willow whistle, an indispensable nuisance belonging to the small boy, is at hand.

Internal Revenue collections in the Fifth District for the week ending Saturday April 14, 1883, \$5,136.52.

Full Moon on Sunday, 22nd, at 6 o'clock 6 minutes in the morning. We may look for Spring weather after this change of the moon.

John L. Brier received by express, one day last week, a trio of fine chickens of the White Pile, Shawl Neck and Tartar varieties.

W. W. Cook, of Kernersville township, sold two pigs of the Poland-China and large Guinea stock. They weighed twenty pounds at 6 weeks old.

N. T. Shore showed us an egg yesterday that weighed 34 ounces and measured 6 inches around one way and 8 inches the other way.

Our young friend, S. F. Patterson, has our thanks for an invitation to be present at the joint exercises of the Kalesthenic and Polesic Societies of the very popular Birmingham School.

—Writers of "Spring Poetry" seem to have a hard time of it this year. The birds and flowers are on hand, but there has not been enough real Spring weather yet worth writing about.

The little lettuce birds are on their annual visit, and from early morn till night their merry twittering is heard as they fly from branch to branch on the shade trees about town in search of food.

Thomas Bacon, telegraph operator at Savannah, Ga., formerly operator at our depot, called on us on Saturday. Tom is looking well and we are glad to say is filling his place with credit to himself.

M. O. S. Quito—we do not know what country he originally came from—on his annual tour to this place. He is not a very welcome guest to have around, but is very prompt in settling his bill.

A disgraceful fight took place at the corner of Main and Old Shawford streets, on last Sunday afternoon. It took several persons to separate the combatants and restore order, but—dogs will fight on Sunday as on other days.

All those wanting fruit trees will do well to order through Jacob Sides, who is canvassing in the interests of N. W. Craft's well known Cedar Cove Nurseries. All necessary information relative to planting trees will be given, and satisfaction guaranteed.

On Thursday afternoon of last week a friendly kindly sent us a small box containing a "red bat," which he wished us to inspect. Having seen "red bats" before, it was of very little interest to us. We inspected his "red bat," however, and returned him the box with our compliments.

Sunday afternoon the weather was beautiful. Numbers of persons took advantage of it and were out riding, while others rambled about the woodlands and meadows, gathering wild flowers. A change took place during the night, and Monday morning was ushered in with a regular tornado before day, accompanied with a cold rain, which lasted all day.

A darkey engaged in "punching" at the photograph lottery last Saturday night, did not like the way so many blanks were being drawn, and challenged the racks. The photographs were all taken down and when the numbers were counted the fact was revealed that all called for was there and that the darkey was minus the five dollar bill put up to challenge.

An old soldier related the following anecdote, the other night, about an Irish soldier and an owl. That one on guard one night on the banks of the Potomac, and while walking his beat an owl a few rods off commenced hooting. Pat imagined that it was some one saying "Who who who are you." He listened attentively, and as the owl repeated its hooting, Pat yelled out "The jabbers, I'm Pat Murphy, of Company K, who the devil are you."

While the bear show was traveling from Kernersville to Winston they put up camp near this place. One of the women belonging to the concern went to the house of a farmer, near by, to purchase some fodder.

"How much do you want?" asked the farmer.

"I'll give you 50 cents for what I can carry," said the woman.

"Agreed," said the farmer, as he thought of the good price he was going to get for his fodder.

The half dollar was handed to the farmer, and while he threw the fodder from the stack the woman drew a long rope under her shawl, and stretching it out on the ground began to pack away the fodder until a small one-horse wagon load was packed up, when she led the rope around it and shouldering it marched back to the camp, leaving the farmer to calculate, as he looked after her in astonishment, how much he had lost by the transaction.

—E. T. B. Glenn, late Assistant Superintendent on the Southern Maryland Railroad, and a native of Rockingham County, N. C., is at Salem Col., visiting his mother. Mr. Glenn goes West, to his uncle, Col. Dodge, in a few weeks.

CHICKEN THIEVES. WATCH DOG, PISTOL AND A SCARED YOUNG MAN.—Chicken thieves having committed depredations upon the henry of one of our citizens, he concluded to watch his premises one night last week. Arming himself with a huge pistol he took a position in the barn, where he could have a full view of the surroundings without being seen. Time passed slowly on, but no thief, or any one else disturbed the watchman, and he was about to abandon the watch for that night when suddenly one opened the front gate and turned in the watch dog from off the street.

No sooner was the dog in the yard than he found out somebody was about, and he set up a bray barking. It was a well known young man, a brother of the one watching for thieves, who turned the dog in, but he was not aware that any watching was going on, and as the dog kept on barking, it occurred to him that probably a chicken thief was about again, he rushed out into the yard and began hissing the dog on.

"Here, here, sick him, fellow!" shouted the young man as he clapped his hands. The man on the lookout saw all that was going on, and thought it was about time to have a little fun at the young man's expense. Clutching the pistol, he left his place of concealment in the stable and ran towards the young man, flourishing the weapon in the air as he went.

The dog recognized his master and quieted down, but the young man thought that it was a gunner, and in his endeavors to run into the house he fell over a pile of rock, and seeing that he was at the mercy of his pursuer, who he imagined held a huge bowie-knife in his hand, began begging so piteously for his life to be spared that his tormentor could hold in no longer, but burst into a fit of laughter which greatly relieved the young man, as he now found out who the author of his fright was, and there was no danger of losing his life at the hands of a chicken thief.

—OLANTHE TO-NIGHT. This comic opera will be given in fine style to-night and to-morrow night, at the Opera-House, in Winston. Over 400 tickets have been sold, and the company feel encouraged, and will do their very best.

A brief sketch of the Opera will be found entertaining:—

Olanthe is a fairy condemned to death for marrying a mortal. The Queen, however, sentences her to life-long penitence, and sends her to the bottom of a stream of water, and is finally pardoned and reinstated among the fairies. She closes the bottom of the stream during her captivity to be near her son, Strephon, who loves and wishes to marry Phyllis, a ward in chancery, but in the disguise of the fairy, she and Strephon are married, and the Queen is restored.

The lovers are parted, and the Lord Chancellor and the whole peopage fall in love with Phyllis. This creates trouble and much humor. Strephon becomes a member of Parliament through the influence of the Fairy Queen, and Olanthe is restored to her position as Lady Chancellor and Strephon, their son, marries Phyllis. The Queen threatens death to Olanthe for again breaking her vows, but the other fairies, in the meantime, have fallen in love with Phyllis and the Queen herself finally submits to the fact that she is to be saved her life and preserve the dignity of a fairy land, all the bidders become fairies, and so ends the play.

The Opera is under the direction of Sig. S. D'Anna, and the following are the prominent characters:—

Strephon, Wm. Martin; Earl of M. Ararat, J. H. McKee; Earl Toddler, W. M. Hester; Private Willis, Kie S. Lott; Train Bear, J. S. Grogan; Lord Chancellor, W. P. Ormsby; Olanthe, M. J. Wang; Fairy Queen, Miss G. S. Siders; Oda, Miss Lena Lott; Lela, Miss Lila Fries; Hela, Miss Jessie Winkler; Phyllis, H. E. Fries.

Fun in a Boarding School. This amusing comedy will be given in Winston Opera House, next Monday evening, April 23rd. This Company is highly spoken of by the press. The following is from the Charleston, S. C. News and Courier:—

"John Ince and his merry party certainly captured us last night as we predicted. Prof. Jimerack is a great character creation which gives full scope to comedian abilities of the first rank, and Mr. Ince is certainly in full possession of the part. No detail is faulty, the humor is incessant, the mirth genuine, and the entire comedy is in order here or elsewhere. Miss Lisetta Ellani is a pitiful, graceful, pretty and of very engaging manners. There is nothing forced in her assumption of the juvenile part assumed, that of Jessie Fairlie, in which respect she is a great improvement on Minnie Palmer, the original of the character, who made this character a very popular one. Her voice is sweet and powerful, and the musical features were received with great applause, especially the bits from "Mascotte." Miss Emma Jones, as the old maid assistant teacher, was very happy in her part, and acted, sang and looked the character remarkably. Miss Newcomb, as Mrs. Fairlove, was also really good impersonation, and the very utmost possible was made of the part. Mr. Henry Mack in his triple impersonations shows good abilities as a character artist. The others were all very acceptable, and the fine audience of last night will doubtless be much increased to night on the occasion of her last appearance. The local hite took immensely and will be quoted on the streets to-day."

Davidson County Items. From the Lexington Dispatch.

A little son of the late A. A. Rothrock, was killed by a falling tree, while attempting to dislodge it.

J. O. Hart, a very respectable old man, who has topped the large oak tree in Clemmonsville, in front of the dwelling-house, said to be one hundred and forty years old. It has borne as many as sixty bushels of acorns, and an active man was two days and a half in toping it.

H. T. Phillips, Superintendent of Public Instruction of Davidson county, has resigned his office.

Mr. Mary Davis, wife of H. W. Davis, who lives near Clemmonsville, died on the 8th inst.

We are sorry to hear that Alexander Delap, a very respectable old gentleman, of Davidson county, is still suffering from an accident which happened a few weeks ago. At that time he was on a visit at John Hartman's and while putting his buggy into the barn to avoid a shower of

rain, the wind blew the door shut throwing him down and dislocating his thigh.

In Forsyth and Davidson counties, so far as we can hear, a sufficient amount of peaches have escaped the frosts to insure a good crop if not killed after this. The prospect for an apple crop is good at present.

According to law, the time for hunting has closed for this season. During the winter Lorenzo Lamb, both caught several turkeys, and David Cline succeeded in killing a large one. Wild turkeys seem to be on the increase for the past few years.

Farmers are putting in their spare time stopping gulleys to keep back sand, in compliance to law. Much has already been done at this business, and there is no doubt but that the law will result in good to all.

From the number of tobacco barns being built, and other preparations being made, it seems there will be more tobacco raised in our section than ever before.

The meeting at Abbott's creek, on the 3rd Sunday in May, will be protracted. Several preachers will be present.

Two years ago Harrison Motesing, of Davidson county, found a cluster of oats growing somewhere on his place. At the time it appeared to be nothing more than a bunch of feather grass. When it matured he found it to be some peculiar kind of oats. He gathered from it a pint of seed. This he sowed, and after his horses broke in and spoiled a portion of it, he gathered about a peck. This he sowed last fall, and from present prospects it will yield bountifully. It appears to be rust proof.

Chopping, log rolling, house covering, fencing and quilting frolics are very common just now, thus giving the boys and girls a good time, and doing a little work for it.

The fruit tree agents have taken an early start this spring, and many farmers are engaging trees for next fall.

Horse drovers say that good horses are bringing fair prices down South.

Some say that Irish potatoes, which are not planted in March, or earlier, will not make anything. There will be many witnesses for it, as wet weather has prevented many from planting until after the middle of April.

Felix Sink's little daughter, Minnie, burnt her foot very badly last Friday.

The people around Hopewell intend to organize a Sunday School next Sunday.

A number of farmers in our neighborhood used fertilizers on their wheat crops last fall. They find it pays better to use it with wheat than with corn.

Many persons are sowing clover seed this spring.

A pinky Snider boasts of having a tree which bears both chickens and apples. By way of explanation, he says the trunk of one of his trees is hollow about six or eight feet from the ground. In this hollow, one of his hens has hatched two broods of chickens, and is about hatching her third brood.

Many complain of their cattle being lousy this Spring. Sulphur fed to them in small quantities is a good preventive. In fact, if cows are fed plenty of grain, and Sulphur fed to them in small quantities, they are not apt to get lice.

Several of Joseph Stewart's cows mired down in a bog from the effects of which one of them has died and another one is likely to die, so we were told.

Some of our weather guessers say that the wet weather will continue all through April, but after that we may look for a dry summer. We hope they are mistaken.

The chicken thieves that have been prowling around town, made a raid on widow Longworth's poultry, on the Lexington road, carrying off twenty-five nice chickens.

Several lots have been sold on the Waightown road, beyond Salem bridge, and building will soon commence.

John Reid and Charles Swain are about ready to commence sawing. They are putting up a new saw mill near Piney Grove, in Davidson county.

The people around Pleasant Retreat have just finished putting up a handsome set of palings around the graveyard at that place.

From the way wheat and other vegetation is coming to grow, it seems that those who have been holding grain for higher prices may meet with disappointment.

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